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SUMMARY: LIGHT AND POWER FEDERATION AND NATIONAL MECHANICS UNION CITED DIVISIONIST ATTITUDES OF TROTskyITE-LED, SUBORDINATE CORDOBA UNIONS AND MOVED TO FORCE UNIONS TO ADHERE TO NATIONAL POLICY. LOCAL UNIONS HAVE REJECTED PRESSURE, BUT SHOWDOWN WILL PROBABLY BE DELAYED UNTIL AFTER PASSAGE OF TRADE-UNION LAW WHICH PERMITS INTERVENTION BY NATIONAL UNION/FEDERATION. END SUMMARY.

1. IN NOVEMBER 8 MEETING OF LIGHT AND POWER WORKERS FEDERATION SECRETARIES GENERAL, DECISION WAS TAKEN TO SUSPEND AFFILIATION OF CORDOBA LIGHT AND POWER UNION WHICH IS HEADED BY TROTskyITE AGUSTIN TOSCO. SUSPENSION WAS TAKEN AFTER TERMINATION OF 45-DAY PERIOD GIVEN TOSCO TO ACCEPT NATIONAL FEDERATION POLICIES AND INSTRUCTIONS. TOSCO HAD REFUSED TO COMPLY WITH ULTIMATUM AND, IN REPLY TO ACTUAL SUSPENSION, STATED THAT HE "RATIFIED

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ALL INTERNAL AND PUBLIC POSITIONS" TAKEN BY THE UNION, AND

THAT HE WAS PROUD OF THE UNION'S FIGHT AGAINST MILITARY DICTATORS AND "TRADE-UNION BUREAUCRACY" (READ PRESENT NATIONAL TRADE-UNION LEADERSHIP).

2. IN NOVEMBER 10 MEETING, NATIONAL MECHANICS UNION (SMATA) DELEGATES CITED "DIVISIONIST ATTITUDE" OF CORDOBA SMATA UNION AND "TRADE-UNION MISCONDUCT" OF ITS SECRETARY GENERAL, RENE SALAMANCA. A COMMISSION WAS NAMED TO "STUDY THE SITUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN."

3. IN AN ACTION OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED TO PRECIPITATE A REORGANIZATION OF THE CORDOBA 62 ORGANIZATIONS, AND EVENTUALLY THE CORDOBA CGT, TWO OF THE EIGHT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE 62 ORGANIZATIONS RESIGNED DURING WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4. RESIGNATIONS WERE NOT ACTED UPON BY REMAINDER OF BOARD IN ORDER TO "REVIEW IN DEPTH" THE SITUATION.

4. COMMENT: NATIONAL OFFICIALIST PERONIST LABOR LEADERSHIP HAS MOVED SLOWLY IN PURIFICATION EFFORTS IN CORDOBA, AS TROTSKYITES TOSCO AND SALAMANCA ARE EXTREMELY POPULAR IN CORDOBA LABOR CIRCLES AND ENJOY THE TACIT SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNOR AND VICE-GOVERNOR AND THE LEFTIST, LEGALIST PERONIST, CONTROLLED CGT. THE PRESENT STEPS MAY BE A PRELUDE TO EVENTUAL INTERVENTION OF THE UNIONS ONCE THE LAW OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NATIONAL CONGRESS, IS PASSED. ONE OF ITS SALIENT POINTS IS THE GRANTING OF AUTHORITY TO NATIONAL LEVEL UNIONS/FEDERATIONS TO INTERVENE SUBORDINATE ONES. HOWEVER, IF INTERVENTION IS CARRIED OUT, MANY CORDOBESSES BELIEVE THAT VIOLENCE WILL ENSUE.

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